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SUBJ: ACCIDENT BACKO CONVOKES DIPLOMATIC CORPS

REF: BANGUI 2873

1. MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT BACKO AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS WAS VERY BRIEF, FORMAL AFFAIR. BACKO READ SHORT STATEMENT SAYING THAT HE HAD TAKE POWER FOR OBVIOUS REASONS; GIVING ASSURANCES AND WOULD REMAIN COMMITTED TO PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP; AND EXPRESSING INTENTION NEED GOOD RELATIONS WITH THOSE STATES WITH WHICH IT ALREADY HAD DIPLOMATIC RELATIONSHIPS. HE ALSO MENTIONED NEED FOR BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL AID. BACKO FINISHED BY GIVING ASSURANCES OF FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT FOR EMBASSIES' REPRESENTATIVES.

2. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH GOCAR OFFICIALS WHO HAVE BEEN WITH BACKO THROUGHOUT THE DAY. IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT BACKO INTENDS TO ACT AS THOUGH AMBASSADORS IN BANGUI WERE ACCREDITED TO HIS REGIME. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF NEW ACCREDITATION OR EXCHANGE OF FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE. IF DEPARTMENT DESIRES SUCH FORMAL EXCHANGE IS REQUIRED, REQUEST EARLIEST ADVICE.GOUDE
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